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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Padmanabhan, K.

Docket: K 168

Applicant(s): Nicole Barie et al.

Serial No.: 09/694,241

In Response To
Paper No: 7

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Art Unit: 1641

Title: DEXTRAN-COATED SURFACE

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

November 7, 2002

SIR:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the Official Action dated 07/15/02, enclosed herewith is a petition to extend the period for response by one month so that the new due date for response is 11/15/02.

Permission is requested to amend the present application as follows:

1. A dextran-coated surface on a carrier having a carrier surface with a connection between dextran disposed as coating on the carrier surface formed by a photolinker, said dextran-coating being attached to said carrier by co-